GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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TOBACCO GROWERS
GADDAM GANGA REDDY

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 2000 tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh laid siege to the Tobacco Board Office in mid March, 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Sercveral hundred tobacco growers of Andhra Pradesh assembled at the Tobacco Board Office on 16th March, 2000.

(b) To represent their demands.

(c) Government has taken the following actions in respect of their demands.

i) Meetings held with manufacturers, exporters and traders to purchase tobacco at platforms as per requirements indicated while fixing crop size.

ii) Meeting held with farmers to solve the situation of over supply.

iii) Inducting Government agency to enter the market.

iv) Fresh registration of growers not to be undertaken for the time being.